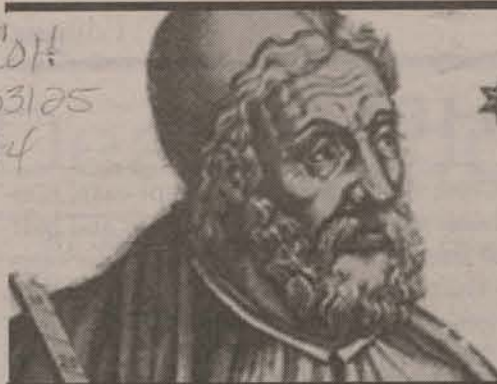


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by Michael Scott

Students who fled the destruction of hurricane Katrina won't have to wait to return to college. LSUS is opening its doors to students from the affected areas, allowing many to attend classes which are closest to their fields of study. Accommodations have been made with admissions, financial aid, the bookstore and campus housing to help these new students adjust to the sudden change.

"It's been easier starting here than at UNO," said Robert Greenhalge, a senior art major from New Orleans. "The faculty here treats me like a person and not like an income." With only 12 hours left, Greenhalge is taking courses which are closest to those required by the University of New Orleans. However, LSUS doesn't offer some of the final courses needed to graduate. "Hopefully I'll go back before spring," he said. "But I might end up staying here."

"We're doing everything we can to accommodate them," said Cheryl Irvin, admissions analyst. Displaced students have been coded as non-matriculating, or visiting, with LSUS giving no maximum limit on how many students it is able to receive. "We talked to the Chancellor," Irvin said. "He told us to accommodate everybody."

Each student is scheduled based on their area of study and enrolled in courses which best match those of their former school. According to Irvin, LSUS credits will transfer to any four-year college in the South, but how the credits transfer is decided by the receiving college or university. Unfortunately, seniors looking toward graduating in December will have to wait. The university requires that any transfer student must attend his or her last 30 credit hours at LSUS in order to receive a degree.

"Our prayers are with all of them," Irvin said.

The financial aid department has



also made changes to accommodate the incoming students. According to Betty McCrary, director of financial aid, the department is in a state of administrative relief, which allows the schools to temporarily bypass certain financial aid requirements. Students who received the TOPS scholarship are still able to pay admission and fees through the state.

"The 14th day of class has not occurred in any school," said McCrary. "Students must be enrolled by the 14th day, and then we send a bill to TOPS."

Federal student aid is a different story.

"Until we get some direction from the Department of Education I can't do anything about federal aid," said McCrary. Both Louisiana and Mississippi financial aid departments have sent a

joint letter to the U.S. Department of Education requesting the needed direction.

Accounting services has extended the fee payment deadline to Dec. 3 for evacuees.

"We're not dropping any classes," said Adnan Samhan, director of accounting services.

The deans of each college received a list of the transfer students, so no classes would be dropped because of overdue payments. Accounting services has also set up an account for new students to charge their books.

"The accounts are set up as receivables so they do have to pay eventually," said Samhan.

According to Samhan, the bookstore has been receiving calls regarding monetary donations to aid the transfer students. Each call has been directed to

the LSUS Foundation, which has been earmarking specific donations for books.

"We're trying to deal with this the best way we know how," said Samhan. "Hopefully we'll have all the issues solved."

LSUS is also providing living quarters for displaced students, faculty and interns at the University Court Apartments.

"We want to be sure they have a place to stay," said Sharon Manson, director of student housing. "Payment's not important right now."

According to Manson, campus housing had apartments which were about to be taken "offline" for repairs but have since been kept open to help

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Learn tips to conserve gas as prices skyrocket

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Corrections

The student worker making the new Starbucks coffee at the Port was Jen Guess, freshman English major, not Candice Ketchum as printed.

"Rallies" should have been "rallies" in our front page headline.

The symbols that appeared throughout some of our stories were an electronic transmission problem that occurred when we sent the paper to be printed.

We are working to correct it.

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HOW TO HELP

The Red Cross and LSUS emphasize that monetary, material and personal-time donations are all needed and appreciated. In response to inquiries and requests to provide support for LSUS relief efforts in providing the facilities for the Red Cross Emergency Shelter, the LSUS Foundation has established the LSUS Foundation Emergency Relief Fund. Donations may also be made to the Red Cross and to the Humane Society.

Cash donations in any amount to LSUS, the Red Cross and the Humane Society may be brought to the LSUS Office of University Development on the second floor of the Administration Building on the Southeast Shreveport campus. Donations may be mailed to:

LSUS Foundation Emergency Relief Fund
c/o LSUS Office of University Development
One University Place
Shreveport, LA 71115
American Red Cross
4228 Linwood Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71108

The Red Cross is asking that all material donations be dropped off at KTBS TV on Kings Highway, KTAL-TV on North Market or Summer Grove Baptist Church's newly created Red Cross warehousing complex in the old Dillard's store in South Park Mall (now the Summer Grove Baptist Church campus). The

Red Cross will continue to accept cash, non-perishable foods, canned soft drinks and individual sized bottled water at the shelter sites. As of Thursday evening (Sept. 1), all Red Cross Emergency Shelters in Shreveport were filled to capacity (or more) and refugees from Southeast Louisiana were being directed to locations in East Texas and Arkansas.

Laundromats willing to donate machine time for evacuees should contact the Red Cross coordinators at the shelters. The pet center at LSUS has all the animal food it needs and asks that individuals wanting to donate packaged food for pets take it to the pet center at Hirsch Coliseum.

Volunteers are needed at both shelters, especially local residents familiar with the area who are willing to serve as guides to various locations throughout the community. All persons wishing to volunteer their time for the relief effort may dial 211. If you are a Medical or Mental Health Professional, please click on the appropriate link for your field on the menu located on the left-hand side of this page. Foreign language interpreters are also needed at the shelters, especially French, Cajun French and Spanish.

As posted on the LSUS Web site

Girls & SPORTS



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TODAY:
Sunny
Hi: 94 Lo: 67

FRIDAY:
Sunny
Hi: 96 Lo: 70

SATURDAY:
Mostly Sunny
Hi: 94 Lo: 70

SUNDAY:
Sunny
Hi: 95 Lo: 70

MONDAY:
Mostly Sunny
Hi: 94 Lo: 71

TUESDAY:
Mostly Sunny
Hi: 94 Lo: 69

WEDNESDAY:
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Hi: 93 Lo: 69

Dean appoints new department chairs

by **Greg Williams**

The College of Sciences has started the semester with three new department chairs in the mathematics, computer science and biology departments.

In the mathematics department, Dr. Debbie Shepherd began her job as chair on May 31. Shepherd has been a professor at LSUS for five years. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Shepherd

received her master's degree with a focus in statistics. She received her P.h.D. degree at La Tech University in computational analysis and modeling.

Shepherd said her goals are "to offer courses that will allow students to become productive employees in the area as soon as they graduate with a B.S. degree in mathematics."

According to Shepherd, some of those new courses may include courses in statistics, computer graphics and financial mathematics.

According to Dr. Paul Sisson, dean of the College of Sciences, "Dr. Shepherd is well respected in the math department and is a very hard worker."

In the computer science department Dr. John Sigle assumed his role as chair on May 31. Sigle has been a professor at LSUS for 25 years. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Northeastern Oklahoma State University. Sigle attended the University of Oklahoma for his master's degree

in mathematics, and he received his P.h.D. degree from Texas A&M in computer science.

Sigle said his goals are to "improve our three programs and the courses in them, improve our advising practices and to improve our internal communication with faculty and students."

In the biology department the new chair is Dr. Nathan Hutching who comes from Northwestern State University where he was a professor for

three years. Hutching received his bachelor's degree from Eureka University and his PhD degree in genetics from Iowa. Hutching was selected through a nationwide search. Hutching has been a professor for four years. His goal is to "define goals and objectives that lead to progressively enhancing the department."

Sisson said all have high energy levels and are very creative, innovative and inspirational. He feels all are very competent and hard-working.

LSUS welcomes displaced students from southern schools

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evacuee students, faculty and professors. However, space in the apartments has been limited, and furnished quarters are running out. The UCA is also trying to work out semester contracts, something which isn't normally done. If the residents decide to stay through May, then they can sign a regular contract.

"Our primary goal is to help the students," said Manson. "What's most important is that people have a place to stay today, tomorrow and a month from now."

Breakdown of displaced students at LSUS

University of New Orleans	89
Xavier	24
Dillard	17
Tulane	12
Delgado Community College	7
Loyola	5
Southeastern Louisiana	4
Southern University	2
Louisiana State University	2
Nunez	1
Nicholls State University	1

Best joins LSUS Campus Police

by **Porscha Morgan**

The LSUS police department has a new officer among its ranks. Officer Glyn Best joined the campus police after 20 years of service with the Shreveport Police Department. He was a second sergeant in the detective unit before retiring.

He joined the force in May of 2005, filling an open position and bringing the force's count to eight.

"It feels good to be around students and not criminals," said Best. He said he is enjoying the slow pace of campus life. "We are here to keep the students safe," said Best.

Best said being on this campus is relaxing after serving with the Shreveport Police Department. "It is a nice break," he said.

The university police is composed of the chief, two sergeants, and officers. They are commissioned through the Louisiana State Police.

Among their duties are controlling traffic flow and parking by patrolling the area.

They also provide service for the University Court Apartments as well as the campus 24 hours a day.

They are located in the Administration building, room 124 and can be reached at 318-797-5082. You can also email them at police@lsus.edu.

LAE-SP plans activities for child evacuees

by **Rodrigo Mondragon**

During this semester's first meeting of the Louisiana Association of Educators-Student Program, (LAE-SP) the main topic was the education for the children who came from the affected zones of hurricane Katrina.

The activities for the children that aren't old enough to go to public schools in Shreveport have begun this week. These activities will be provided for the kids staying in the HPE building. The classes will take place in room 211 of the Business and Education building on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. Teachers from the education department and voluntary education students will conduct the classes and oversee the ac-

"This program also works to give parents a little bit of freedom and rest from their kids."

Dr. Martha Mangin
professor of education

tivities.

The classroom is equipped with the technology for this program, even laptops with video games to keep the children entertained. However, other supplies are needed.

"Our materials are limited," said Dr. Martha Mangin, professor of education and an organizer of the program.

Mangin asked for all the help possible from the members of the LAE-SP and other students, staff and faculty on campus to get constant dona-

tions to keep enough materials for all the kids.

This program was established to keep the children involved in entertaining and educational activities since they are going to be away from home and any kind of school for some time.

"This program also works to give parents a little bit of freedom and rest from their kids," said Mangin.

Some of the things needed most are notebooks, glue, paper, tissues and scissors. The

evacuees are also still in need of hygiene products such as tooth brushes and soap as well as volunteers and monetary donations.

Another important topic of the meeting was the education for the older kids. Since there are not programs for them at LSUS, they are being enrolled in public schools throughout Shreveport and the surrounding areas that have the space to accept them as students. Owing to the unexpected arrival of people to Shreveport, the schools will also need donations of materials.

Students coming from shelters will not need uniforms, but as the time goes on during the school year, uniforms must be worn. Companies like Wal-Mart have made uniform donations as well as other products.

LSUS to offer first full season of plays

'Passing' next to debut in University Center Theatre this weekend

by **Mike Schwalke**

For the first time ever, the Department of Communications will be offering a full season of plays on campus. "The Johnstown Vindicator," the first of the five plays to be performed, was presented two weekends ago at the LSUS Black Box Theatre in BH363.

Next on the schedule is "Passing" by Sheri Bailey and Nancy Cheryl Davis which will premier Friday in the University Center Theatre. Based on the novel of the same name by Harlem Renaissance author Nella Larsen, "Passing" stars visiting dramaturge and co-author Davis.

The play will be directed by assistant professor Robert Alford II who also directed "The Johnstown Vindicator."

Alford has had experience with both plays in the past, directing "The Johnstown Vindicator" while earning his MFA at Yale. He worked with Bailey in Los Angeles.

The department has two other plays scheduled for the spring: Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" will play in March and "The Woolgatherer" will play in May. A fifth as-yet undecided play will complete the schedule.

Since debuting with "A Raisin in the Sun" in 1999, the LSUS Theatre program has grown gradually. Alford felt this was the first time the Department of Communications had the opportunity to present a full season. Moreover, students fulfill the majority of the acting roles, another first. Centenary and BPCC also offer

plays at little or no cost to students.

"I feel that I have a responsibility to present cutting-edge material that's challenging for the students and faculty as well as the community," said Alford of his directing duties.

He sees LSUS as a venue for plays that the audience may not be familiar with and for more provocative material that would otherwise have less commercial success. He also speaks of "the canon," a selection of essential plays for theatre-goers.

Mary Jarzabek, who will direct "The Woolgatherer" in the spring, said the canon represents the best of theatre from all eras of human civilization.

"The classics give us a perspective of life through different times and different

cultures," said Jarzabek.

This first full season promises to offer a bit of everything. "Romeo and Juliet" is the oldest of the scheduled plays.

The other plays chosen for the schedule are more recent. "The Woolgatherer" examines love, but focuses on the happenstance relationship between an overly-idealistic woman and a foul-mouthed trucker. "Passing" centers around two light-skinned African American women, one of whom has pretended to be white her whole life.

Advance tickets for this weekend's showing of "Passing" can be ordered from the LSUS Bookstore by calling 797-5212. For more information on this and other plays, call 797-5283.

What:

"Passing"
by Sheri Bailey
and Nancy Cheryl
Davis

When:

Fri., Sat. - 8 p.m.
Sun. - 7 p.m.

Where:

University Center
Theatre

Admission:

\$10 in advance, \$12 at
the door, \$5 for all
students, educators,
senior citizens and
military

Faculty, staff ensure mental health among evacuees

by **Michael Scott**

Evacuees seeking shelter at LSUS and other locations in Shreveport can receive mental and emotional counseling from local professors, students and mental health professionals. Instructors from the psychology department, along with staff from computing services, have designed a program enabling those who need counseling to receive help.

Operating from a command center on the second floor of the HPE building, mental health counselors are being sent to evacuee shelters for 24-hour assistance through the LSUS Disaster Relief Web site. The Web site contains a volunteer calendar, allowing local mental health administrators to view which times and locations need volunteers.

Dr. Meredith Nelson, assistant professor in psychology, said an e-mail was sent to a local mental health database asking for assistance. Before the Web site was running, every volunteer shift between 8 p.m.

Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday were filled.

According to Nelson, the program is aimed at evacuees who are "worried about sustainability." Efforts are being coordinated through the LSUS psychology department, with close to 100 mental health providers offering assistance.

"We're up here all the time to coordinate," said Nelson. "We feel strongly about having a presence there."

Along with grief and emotional counseling, volunteers are also aiming at keeping tensions under control. Mental health providers are offering art therapy for children and one-on-one sessions for those in need.

"We're trying to coordinate support groups for the children and adults," said Nelson. "It's a work in progress."

Nelson hopes the assistance network will serve as an example for other universities.

While many evacuees are in need of emotional counseling, the primary concern is for those with chronic mental ill-

nesses. Many evacuees have arrived without medication and in need of medical assistance. According to Nelson, a representative from Merck Pharmaceuticals brought "bags and bags" of psychiatric medi-

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cine. The LSUHSC Psychiatry Department has donated medication as well.

"We're hoping to re-establish mental help," said Dr. Ray Adomaitis, assistant professor

in psychology. "We're seeing the early stages of post-traumatic stress."

Adomaitis also noted that each age group has special needs, which requires a "great amount of communication." Like Nelson, Adomaitis seeks to share what has been learned with the academic community. These circumstances also give students a chance to gain real-life experience, Adomaitis said.

For those in need of assistance, the LSUS Web site offers important notices for evacuees and a local database for those seeking family members displaced by Katrina. According to James Bobbitt, webmaster for LSUS, 1,300 family names were added Friday, Sept. 2, with 1,300 more from South Louisiana added Monday, Sept. 5.

The site also includes lists of mental health providers, contact information for local schools, information about the LSUS Emergency Relief Fund, and volunteer information. The Web site can be found at www.lsus.edu.

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Staff member goes to 'jail' for charitable cause

by **Porscha Morgan**

"Pay your bail and go to jail." This became the motto of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Telethon Executive Lockup fundraiser, the kickoff event for the MDA's "Jerry's kids" telethon. This year, Adnan Samhan, director of accounting services, went to "jail" along with other participants from the area to show his support for the charity and to help raise funds.

The participants or "jailbirds" were picked up in a limousine from their particular establishments and taken to Carabba's Italian Grill where they were "booked" and had their mug shots taken behind bars. They were then treated to lunch.

"We try to make it a fun event for the lunch hour where people can socialize and meet some of the children," said Lisa

Stokes, coordinator of the event. "We want everyone to enjoy themselves."

"Jailbirds" are selected on a referral basis. Each participant, once selected, can then give up to 10 names of people they know.

"We work completely off of referrals, and the participants are always great," said Stokes. Each person referred is then sent a warrant or an invite to become part of the fundraiser.

Each participant in the lockup committed to raise a certain amount of money, and

"It was a pleasant experience for me to be a part of this fundraising effort, but I think my co-workers were a little disappointed to see me in a limo instead of handcuffs."

Adnan Samhan
director of accounting services

that became their set bail. The participants then collected donations from sponsors in order to meet their bail. To help the participants in their fundraising efforts they were also given a Web page that allowed sponsors to make pledges.

For every \$300 raised, each participant had his or her name

entered into a drawing for a cruise.

"We are postponing the cruise due to the unfortunate circumstances in New Orleans," said Stokes. Samhan said he feels good about his involvement with the charity event.

"I raised between \$800 and \$900, enough to send one or two kids to camp," said Samhan. "It was a pleasant experience for me to be a part of this fundraising effort, but I think my co-workers were a little disappointed to see me in a limo instead of handcuffs,"

entered into a drawing for a cruise.

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Students were able to contribute to helping Samhan raise his "bail" money.

"I'm just happy that I could do something to help," said T'anita King, junior psychology major. "I felt that this was a great opportunity to have fun and actually meet other people who have given their time to such a great organization."

Carabba's Italian Grill donated all food and labor to the event, which raised over \$70,000 this year.

"Our only goal was to beat last year's amount by \$1, and that was \$10,000," said Stokes. "I would say it was a success."

All proceeds helped to send children to the Muscular Dystrophy camp. The MDA donated \$1 million as well as half of all proceeds from "Jerry's kids" telethon to the Salvation Army.

SPORTS UPDATE

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCORES

9/4/2005 LSUS (4) vs. University of the Ozarks (0)

9/2/2005 LSUS (6) vs. Louisiana College (0)

9/6/2005 LSUS (3) vs. East Texas Baptist University (2)

UPCOMING SOCCER GAMES

* 9/9/2005 - 1 p.m. LSUS vs. Texas Southern at LSUS

9/11/2005 - 1 p.m. LSUS vs. Millsaps College at Jackson, MS

9/16/2005 - 4 p.m. LSUS vs. Hendrix College at Conway, AR

*9/20/2005 - 5 p.m. LSUS vs. LeTourneau University at LSUS

9/23/2005 - 4:30 p.m. LSUS vs. Southeastern Louisiana at Hammond, LA

9/25/2005 - 1 p.m. LSUS vs. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at New Orleans, LA

9/27/2005 - 7 p.m. LSUS vs. Louisiana College at Pineville, LA

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In other news

Vice President to tour the Gulf Coast

President Bush announced an investigation Tuesday into "what went right and what went wrong" in the government's response to hurricane Katrina, and he said Vice President Dick Cheney will tour the devastated region today to help remove obstacles to federal aid.

Justices mourn Rehnquist

Teary-eyed Supreme Court justices and a long line of other Americans paid their last respects to William Rehnquist on Tuesday at the court where he served for 33 years. Among the pallbearers was his former clerk, John Roberts, the man nominated to succeed the nation's 16th chief justice.

Evacuees swamp host cities

Numbers released Monday by the state Department of Social Services show that more than 500,000 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina are now housed in shelters, and more Louisiana evacuees are being housed in shelters in other states than in their home state. Agency figures show 50,437 evacuees are in shelters spread across Louisiana. Texas, by far, is housing the most Louisiana evacuees; DSS said 53,077 southeast Louisiana residents are in Texas.

Americans more educated

Americans are more educated than ever, according to data released Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau. The level of educational attainment is rising across the USA. The new figures show that 47.7 percent of people age 25 and older in America have at least a bachelor's degree, which was a jump from 39.1 percent in 2000.

Hurricane evacuees return home

On Sept. 5, 6 and 7, thousands of Jefferson Parish residents were allowed to return to their homes for the first time since hurricane Katrina swept away lives and property. People spent hours waiting in traffic along Interstate 10 for an opportunity to return home, survey the damage and grab what belongings they could. They were told by authorities to be out of the parish by 6 p.m. each night.

USB flash drive replaces ignition key in concept car

Mazda has created a concept car that uses a USB stick in place of a traditional ignition key. The Mazda Sassou is a small hatchback targeted at young, first-time buyers. The Sassou's USB key can start and unlock the car and can also transfer music files and driving directions to the vehicle's internal hard drive. The car also features a "morphing" back seat that uses compressed air to configure the seat for one passenger sitting center or two passengers sitting side-by-side. The car will be unveiled this month at the 2005 Frankfurt Motor Show.

THE PRICE OF GAS

Gas prices continue to soar in the wake of Hurricane Katrina



by Mike Schwalke

Any student who has to jockey for a parking spot amidst the morning traffic or who complains about having to walk from the overflow lot by the Pioneer Heritage Center knows: the majority of LSUS students drive to school. And anyone who drives to school is affected by the ever-peaking gas prices in the wake of hurricane Katrina. It seems that prices at the pump rise only as each new crisis develops—9/11, the war in Iraq, hurricane Katrina.

As of last Tuesday, AAA reported local gas prices averaging just under \$2.89 per gallon, but some students, especially those from outlying areas, have said they have paid more than \$3 per gallon.

"I've stopped getting gas [and] started riding the bus," said Daniel Breithaupt, senior English major. Breithaupt used to drive to school five days a week.

Sportran has a bus arrive at campus on average of every 38 minutes throughout the day, but the actual route a student has to take can be circuitous and time-consuming. Moreover, those stu-

Useful Web sites for commuters:

www.fueleconomy.com
A branch of the U.S. Department of Energy offers tips for motorists

www.ouraaa.com/news/fuel.html
AAA's handy fuel finder that can help you locate the station with the lowest gas prices in your area

www.sportran.org
Sportran's official site replete with maps and time schedules

dents who live outside of Sportran's area of operation have no access to this service. The last stop is at 6:29 p.m. which means that the bus is not a viable means of transport home from the many night classes offered here.

Much has been made of the price of oil on the news, but that price is only a small part of why prices at the pump have been on the rise.

One week after Katrina, a barrel of crude oil was trading at \$66 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. But, according

to the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration, that price accounts for less than half the cost of a gallon of gasoline. State and federal taxes, the cost of refining and the cost of distribution represent the other portion of the cost at the gas station.

With Katrina, refineries on the Gulf Coast were shut down, thus increasing the cost to refine gasoline from crude oil. And since the infrastructure—oil pipelines and roads—were destroyed or otherwise rendered inoperable, the cost to deliver gasoline also increased.

The EIA has started a campaign to inform drivers about how to get more out of their gasoline. In addition to driving and maintenance tips, the EIA also recommends buying a car with better fuel economy when you are in the market for a new car. But new cars just are not realistic for most people who are stuck with what they have.

In this time of rising costs, people will be faced with driving less and using alternate forms of transportation whether that means walking, riding a bike or taking the bus.

Tips for Increasing Gas Mileage from www.fueleconomy.gov

- Remove excess weight from your vehicle—don't drive with extra things in your car
- Drive sensibly—aggressive driving, like slamming on the accelerator or brakes, wastes gas
- Observe the speed limit—most engines become less efficient above 60 mph
- Avoid idling—you get 0 miles per gallon when you're stopped in line on Millicent before class
- Keep your tires properly inflated—driving on saggy tires is like dragging your car on the road
- Keep your engine tuned—if your engine isn't running properly, it will waste energy
- Use the right oil—different engines require different oils
- Change your air filters regularly—the filter keeps dust out of your system increasing efficiency
- Use overdrive gears—these slow down your engine which in turn improves efficiency
- Carpool if you can—look around your classes; everybody is coming and going just like you



Death Cab for Cutie - Plans

After years of consistently creating incredible albums, it's strange that things never picked up for Death Cab for Cutie until their mind-numbingly mediocre previous album "Transatlanticism" and frontman Ben Gibbard's side project the Postal Service. Now making the jump from Seattle indie label Barsuk to Atlantic Records, the band finds itself in the precarious position of trying to satisfy long-time fans' expectations while catering to a whole new group of listeners. While Gibbard's lyrics are still good enough to make any would-be English major give up dreams of writing on the spot, the songs just never seem to have the same degree of uniqueness that made the band's older material so rewarding. Though the music feels overproduced and lacks the off-beat spark found throughout the band's impressive back catalog, "Plans" follows the trends of a big-label release perfectly by giving a handful of memorable singles separated by an album's worth of ballads and filler.

Download: Soul Meets Body, Different Names for the Same Thing, Marching Bands of Manhattan, I Will Follow You Into the Dark

SAMPLE LYRICS: "If I could open my arms, and span the length of the isle of Manhattan, I'd bring it to where you are, Making a lake of the East River and Hudson, and if I could open my mouth, wide enough for a marching band to march out of, they would make your name sing, and bend through alleys and bounce off other buildings." - Death Cab for Cutie, "Marching Bands of Manhattan"



Sufjan Stevens - Illinois

As the second in Sufjan (SOOF-yan) Stevens' supposed plan to create an album for each of the 50 states (the first was Michigan), "Illinois" is a beautiful collection of songs covering everything from se-

rial killer John Wayne Gacy to the city of Chicago. His chilling, quiet songs of sorrowful tales fade into grand folk songs that sway elegantly with splashes of horn and violin in bright dances led by Stevens' sincere voice.

Download: John Wayne Gacy, Jr., Come On! Feel the Illinois! The Seer's Tower, Concerning the UFO Sighting Near Highland, IL

New Pornographers - Twin Cinema

The Canadian supergroup's third release is easily their most satisfying. The most notable band members include frontman Carl Newman, Neko Case and Dan Bejar of Destroyer. Newman - who under the name A.C. Newman created 2004's acclaimed "Slow Wonder" - continues to impress with his unique vision of power-pop and packs track after track to the brim with gleeful harmonies and intelligent songwriting. Lines like "two sips from the cup of human kindness and I'm shit-faced" are aplenty, as are ultra-cheery pop melodies that are undoubtedly some of the catchiest you'll hear this year.

Download: Use It, Sing Me Spanish Techno, Stacked Crooked, These Are the Fables

Chris: I got what I expected from this movie. It was entertaining at best.

Derrick: It had its moments. It sure as hell wasn't great, but at least it was better than what we saw last week. I'm still having nightmares.

Chris: Jason Statham returns to his role perfectly as Frank Martin, professional transporter of legal and illegal goods.

Derrick: Well, let's just say he stayed pretty much true to form, which probably wasn't a good thing. I never really knew who the character was in the first movie, and the sequel does nothing to change that.

Chris: That's very true, and for that reason I have mixed emotions about this movie. It had a lot of things I liked but a lot of things I really didn't like.

Derrick: I hear what you're saying. I was mildly entertained during a few parts, but overall I just couldn't get down with all the silly shit that made up the rest of the movie.

Chris: To tell you the truth man, one thing I liked was the action, even if it was a bit over the top. Most of the action scenes were well thought out and put together like a nice big redneck woman.

Derrick: A nice, big, redneck woman?

Can you say oxymoron? I enjoyed some of the action scenes, but come on! There was so much sensationalism in the movie I spent more time asking, "Who in the hell is going to believe this," than appreciating what was on the screen.

Chris: Yeah, they were really crappy in some instances. All the wire work was ridiculous. It was like a hop-n-chop film from China. I hate to tell these guys, but they can't dodge bullets and do jumping splits to get on top of cars as they crash, but still some of the fighting and stuff was pretty awesome.

Derrick: Fa shizzle! It kills me how they did the whole "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon" thing inside some dude's house with a lingerie model. That was probably one of the dumbest scenes I've ever seen in any movie, ever! As soon as she swung by me I would have pushed her monkey ass right out a window.

Chris: And what about all the cheesy one-liners?

Derrick: For real. How you gonna ask a gang of thugs to hold off on kicking your ass while you take off your suit coat cause it just came from the cleaners. And then turn your back on them to lay it down! Try that in New York, and you'll be picking up pieces of your skull from off the ground.



"Transporter 2"

Starring: Jason Statham, Alessandro Gassman, Amber Valletta, Katie Nauta, Matthew Modine, Jason Flemyng, Keith David, and Hunter Clary

Chris: It basically had the whole action movie formula down. You take one bad ass, add some bad guys, a kid or woman in distress and there you go. Add one hero to the rescue and you've got a pretty decent action movie but with no substance.

Derrick: Why you frontin' like you ain't gonna buy it when it comes out on DVD?

Chris: It was a decent action film. I will give it that, but the more I think about it the more I realize it doesn't hold a candle to the first "Transporter" and the more ridiculous it seems to be. It makes for an entertaining time at the theatre, but that's about it.

Derrick: So are you suggesting the people see it or skip it? Because you're confusing the hell out of me. Look LSUS, if you want to see something that's gonna stimulate the old grey matter, this ain't it. If you want to see something that's gonna make you want to fight the first person you see and then hop in your whip and burn up the highway, then this is right up your alley. Black people be warned; the police will probably shoot you if you try to do anything listed in the previous sentence.

Chris: I would recommend this film to anyone who wants to have a fun trip to the movies, but if you're looking for substance in a film, this ain't the one for you. It has about as much substance as canned dog food.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 8

Panhellenic Recruitment
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Rec. Sports: Free Table Tennis
UC Game Room
10:30 a.m.

Friday, September 9

"Passing"
8 p.m.

Rec. Sports: Free Madden
Challenge entries due

Saturday, September 10

"Passing"
8 p.m.

Free Acting Workshop: Call
797-5283. Limited to 20
participants.
2 p.m.

Sunday, September 11

"Passing"
7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13

Rec. Sports: Free Madden
Challenge-
UC Art Gallery
10:30 a.m.

Rec. Sports: Free Table Tennis
UC Game Room
10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 15

Rec. Sports: Free Madden
Challenge-
UC Art Gallery
10:30 a.m.

Rec. Sports: Free Table Tennis
UC Game Room
10:30 a.m.

Magician entertains campus



DERRICK MITCHAM

Mike Super levitated Tori Dairs, freshman biology major, at the University Center Theatre Tuesday night. Evacuees were among the audience members at the show.

Upcoming SAB Events

The magic show is just one of the activities planned by the Student Activities Board. More to look for soon include:

Constitution Day Celebration
Sept. 16

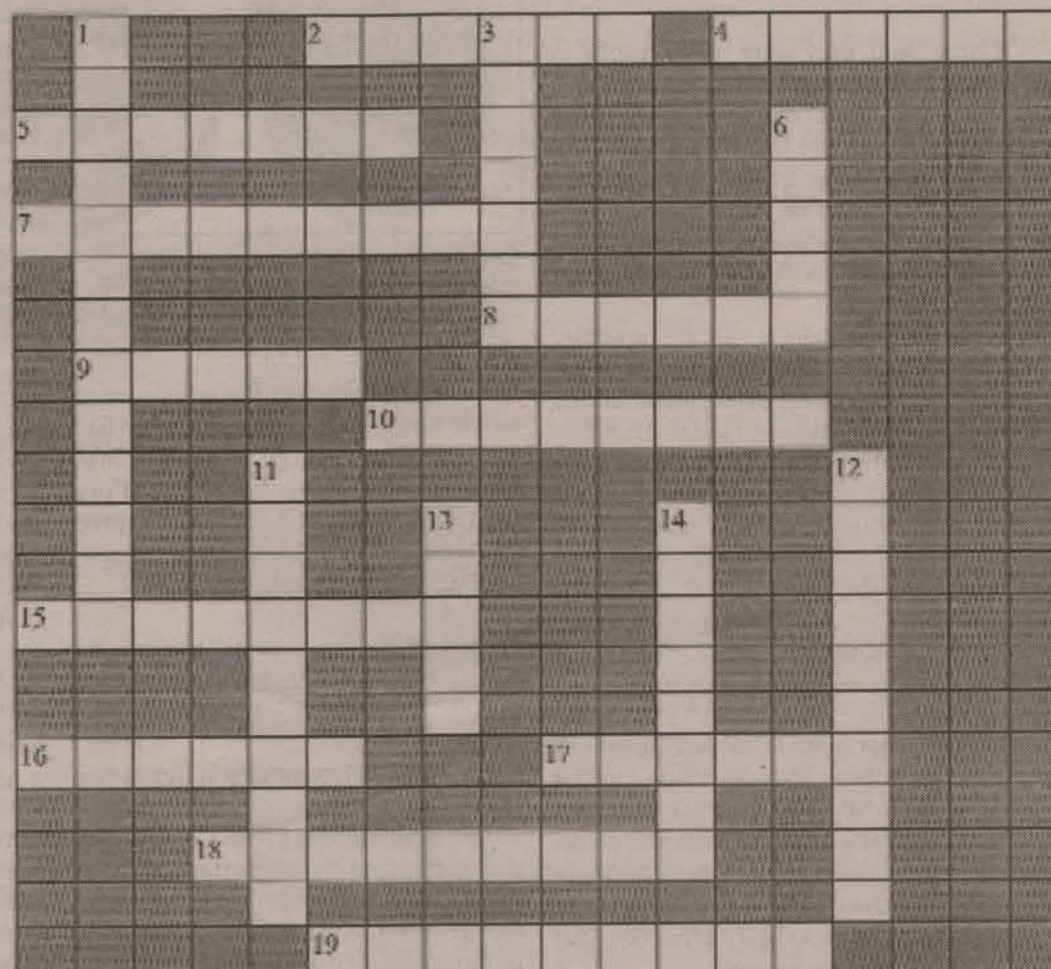
Movie Night on the Mall
"The Longest Yard"
Sept. 22

"Eat Right, Feel Good, Look Great!"
Speaker, Deanna Latson
Sept. 28

That One Guy, Musician
Sept. 29

Family Night
Sept. 29

Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. LSU team name
4. Louisiana's counties
5. Louisiana state bird
7. Swamp-dwelling reptile
8. Louisiana professional sports team
9. Cajun food
10. Delicious freshwater crustacean
15. Flowering tree and state flower
16. Religious tradition from West Africa
17. Current governor
18. Creator of "Rollie Pollie Ollie"

Down

1. Filmed in Natchitoches
3. Last name of imprisoned LA governor
6. King Louisiana was named after
11. Code from which LA's civil code borrows
12. State capital
13. Thrown from floats
14. Mardi Gras dessert